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AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER NSC-1910

PROBLEM

1. To determine the responsibilities of the Agency and of its components under NSC-1910 which replaced the rescinded NSC-169.

ASSUMPTIONS

2. It is assumed that if the Agency responsibilities do not change under NSC-1910, the responsibilities of the Agency components remain unchanged.

FACTS

3. NSC-169, 27 October 1953, on Electro-magnetic Communications, directed that a realistic appraisal be made of U. S. international broadcasting particularly to the Soviet Bloc, that an analysis of jamming operations be conducted and that information vital to international negotiations regarding the use of the radio spectrum be obtained. The information obtained by monitoring facilities of the U.S., U.S. sponsored, and U.S. private interests was to be correlated, evaluated, and expeditiously disseminated by CIA on a need-to-know basis. NSC-169 programs were coordinated by OCB and by ODM.

4. CIA's implementation of NSC-169 and the specific assignment of responsibilities among the several Agency offices was outlined in a memorandum by Mr. Amory (DD/I), Mr. Wiener (DD/P), and [REDACTED] (D/C) of 7 January 1954, subject "CIA's Implementation of NSC-169, Electromagnetic Communications" (TAB A.)

5. The primary responsibilities assigned initially to CIA by NSC-169 and supplementing agreement were:

1. The [REDACTED] pilot operation would be carried forward and analyzed.

2. CIA would provide appropriate liaison to DOD on Soviet communications.

3. The Agency would implement the plan for a clearing house on foreign usage of the radio spectrum.

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4. CIA, with DCS, DOD, USIA, and under OCB, should establish an effective mechanism for intelligence evaluation of information concerning the technical effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting, particularly to the USSR.

5. CIA should support OCB in determining the feasibility of evaluating the program effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting.

6. The Agency should provide technical intelligence support to the evaluating mechanism and to related activities of OCB.

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6. Specific allocation of the above responsibilities between O/C, DD/P, and DD/I as formulated in TAB A was as follows:

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a. AD/C would have the responsibility for the [REDACTED] operation.

b. DD/P would support the OCB in determining the feasibility of evaluating the program effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting.

c. DD/I would have primary responsibility for:

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(1) AD/SI would correlate and evaluate the results of the [REDACTED] operation.

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(2) AD/SI would provide pertinent collateral information on Soviet EEW activities to the [REDACTED] operation.

(3) AD/SI would provide appropriate liaison for furnishing the DOD data, as requested, on Soviet communications operations. The AD/RR would assist as requested.

(4) AD/C₁ would be responsible for the establishment and maintenance of the Central Usage File.

(5) The AD/SI would be responsible for establishing an effective mechanism for intelligence evaluation of information concerning the technical effectiveness of U.S. international broadcasting, particularly to the Soviet Union.

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(6) AD/SI would be responsible for providing technical intelligence support to the evaluating mechanism and to the related activities of the OCH under NSC-169.

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d. An Inter-Office Telecommunications Advisory Committee (IOTAC) was established under the chairmanship of AD/SI and composed of representatives from all interested offices, including DD/P to insure that the foregoing allocation of responsibilities was properly coordinated and to insure that all Agency responsibilities under NSC-169 are fully discharged.

7. On 15 May 1958, the original NSC-169 was rescinded by NSC Action 1910 which assigned specific coordinated responsibilities for Electromagnetic Communications, as defined by NSC-169, to ODM and OCE and which stipulated that the act of rescission of NSC-169 was not, of itself, intended to cancel or change any of the programs authorized under NSC-169.

DISCUSSION

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8. The Agency responsibilities for NSC-169, and the suballocation of these responsibilities to the individual Agency elements has been handled effectively by the existing organizational structure of the Agency with the addition of four "programs" established specifically under NSC-169. These were: the Pilot Project [REDACTED] the establishment of the Electromagnetic Warfare Branch of the Electronics Division of O/SI to carry out the responsibilities of AD/SI (currently a section of the Telecommunications Branch, ED/SI), the establishment of the Central Usage File to fulfill the responsibilities of the AD/OR (currently RSB/SR/OCR) and the establishment of the Inter-Office Telecommunications Advisory Committee (IOTAC). These "programs" appear to be the ones at which the above stipulation of NSC-1910, that the rescission of NSC-169 was not, of itself, intended to cancel or change, is directed.

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9. The Pilot Project [REDACTED] was carried out, and successfully completed, under the management of AD/C in 1955, and the responsibility for further operation in the field of the project was transferred to, and accepted by DOD.

10. The responsibilities of AD/SI have been carried by an initial TO of eight professionals. It has been found possible to reduce the commitment of OSI personnel required for the purpose by 50 percent.

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11. The RSB/SR/OCR has been staffed and equipped on a scale adequate to carry out the responsibility of AD/CR for the Central Usage File as directed by NSC-169.

12. The responsibilities of DD/P have been conducted in coordination with other Agencies. It was found that it was feasible to undertake the study of the "program impact" effectiveness of U. S. international broadcasting. Successive annual conferences have devoted attention to this matter.

13. IOTAC has supported the activities of the interested Agency elements in all matters under NSC-169, and handled problems in branches of telecommunications other than those specifically related to NSC-169 when requested to do so.

CONCLUSIONS

14. The basic responsibilities of the Agency as stated in NSC-169 remain unchanged under NSC-1910 and will continue unless modified by a specific agreement with other interested agencies and concurred with by OCB and ODM.

15. Under the basic assumption of paragraph 2 above, the responsibilities of the interested agency components, as formulated by the "three-way agreement" of 7 January 1954 (TAB A), also remain unchanged.

16. The four "programs" initiated under NSC-169 have proven sufficient to handle the Agency responsibilities under NSC-169 and should be continued in effect under NSC-1910, excepting the Pilot Project [REDACTED] satisfactorily completed in 1955.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

17. The original agreement "CIA's Implementation of NSC-169" (the Three-way agreement of DD/I, DD/P and D/C) dated 7 January 1954, TAB A, be used as the operating Agency document for the implementation of NSC-1910, with the omission of paragraph 3a thereof dealing with [REDACTED] 25X1A2g

18. The remaining three "programs" initiated under NSC-169, as activities of AD/SI, RSB/SR/OCR of AD/CR and IOTAC, be retained.

19. A revised mission and functions of IOTAC, to include the Agency activities in the general telecommunications field, be approved as submitted in TAB B.

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